NINETEEN YEARS IN THE BIG LEAGUES

Lobert Signs with Giants for Three Years-Yankees Still in Hands of Lawyers.

By HEYWOOD BROUN.

Napoleon Lajoie will play second base for the Athletics next season. Connie Mack bought the release of the veteran infielder from the Cleveland American League club yesterday and announced that the stalwart Frenchman would get a chance to dig his spikes in the territory where Collins once ranged. Mr. Mack did not say whether he expocted Larry to scar the earth to the limits, left and right, which Collins set for his kingdom, but contented himself with the statement that he hoped to use Lajoie as the regular second baseman.

And so Napoleon goes back to the land of his baseball birth. It was with the Philadelphia National League club that Lajoie made his first big league appearance late in the year 1896. Larry, then, from the standpoint of the game, is as old as free silver, but he still a live issue to pitchers, catchers and the outfielders deep in left, right

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After getting his start along with Bryan, Lajoie remained with the Phillies until the season of 1901, when he jumped a few blocks up the street and joined the Athletics. He was with Mack only a season and a half, for in 1902 he was sent to Cleveland, which held him until yesterday. He managed the club from 1905 until 1209, and leaves his name behind him. "Naps" was derived from Napoleon.

Even in his estliest days Lajoie was not a fast man, but he did not have to run much. The outfielders attended to that whenever Larry hit the ball. No man ever put more foot pounds of pressure into a swing than the Frenchman. The player who fielded, or attempted to field, the raps from his bat appreciated that. Last season he made his 3,000th hit in the major leagues and his average for nineteen years of service in fast company was 338, but his mark last year was only 258.

As a fielder Larry always conserved energy. There was no waste motion in his movements. He was Napoleon Lajoie, and the bal could come to him. A remarkable pair of hands gave him a definess and a sureness which atoned for the fact that he was not a great ground coverer. He was benched by Cleveland before the close of last season because he appeared to be unable to keep the pace set by that team, which finished a dead last in the

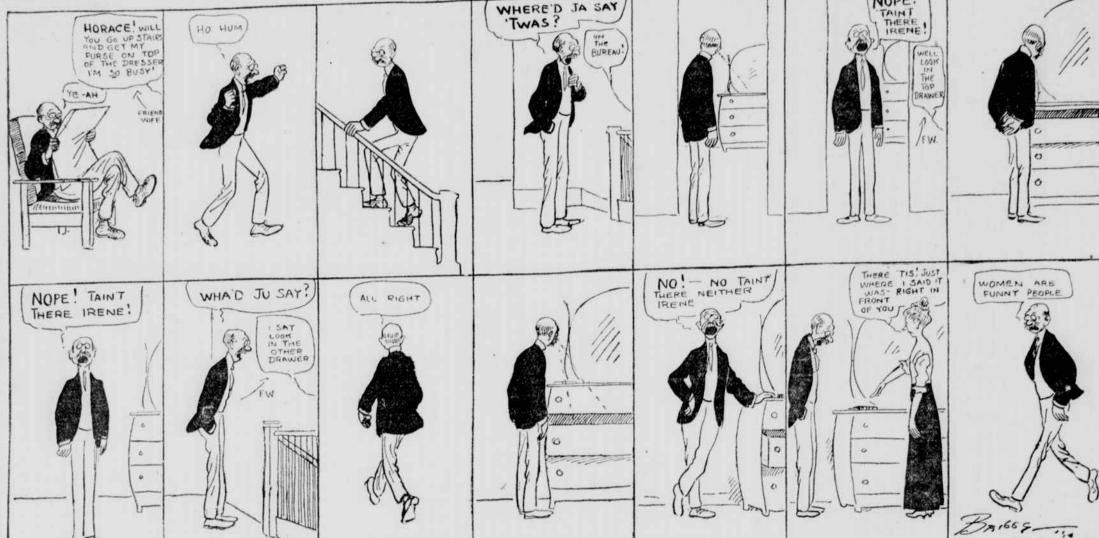
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George Stallings wished to make a pennant certain for the Braves next season, so he signed Sherw od Magee, a veteran of eleven seasons. John McGraw, having announced that he intende- to build up the Giants, seized Hans Lobert, dean of National League third basemen. Connie Mack, desiring a man to fill the shoes of the incomparable Collins, fixed upon old Napole Lajoie. You need not wait. There is no answer.

The Yankees are still in the hands of the lawyers, but Captain Huston does not entertain the slightest hope that the deal will fall through.

Bill Donovan has just about decided upon Savannah as the training ground for the Yankees next season. Captain Huston approves, particularly as the hotels of that city are among the best in the South. The captain is determined that the Yankees next year shall be a club of class. He is "etermined to raise their sartorial standing. "Convince a ball layer that he is person of importance," said the captain yeaterday, "and there's ne holdin; him in last place. Show me the haberdashery of a team and I will come pretty close to telling you where it stands in the

ANOTHER MOVIE OF A HANDY MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE



INTEREST GROWS IN GOLF MEETING

Nearly Half of the Active Delegates Turn In Their Credentials.

There is every prospect of a record turnout of delegates at the annual meeting of the United States Golf As- be dissolved." meeting of the United States Golf Assesson because he appeared to be unable to keep the pace set by that team, which finished a dead last in the American League.

Isn't it remarkable the way Connie Mack digs up these young players?

In the funny story the Irishman who bet that he could drink a keg of beer just before attempting the test went out and drank a practice barrel in ordation overrated his prowess. Just so Larry Lajoie is certain to be a hard hitter for the Athletics. Hasn't he made more than three thousand safeties already?

Philadelphia will now have a chance to choose between the various nispronunciations of Lajoie.

The eternal fitness of thing, would be vindicated if the Athletics would be vindicated if the Athletics would win a championship next year, for Larry, with all his nineteen years of big league service, has never been in a world's series.

Hans Lobert bound himself to the Giants yesterday by signing a contract for the seasons of 1915, 1916 and 1917. The contract does not contain the tendary notice of release clause. sociation at the Waldorf-Astoria on written-

her reach so high all previous assoic tion dinner records will be shattered.

TRAVIS WINS GOLD MEDAL ON LINKS

Leads Field of Eighty-two Golfers in Qualifying Round of Tilt.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 5.—Walter J.
Travis, of the Garden City Club, Long Island, won the gold medal in the cualifying round here to-day of the twelfth annual midwinter golf tournament. His card for the eighteen holes was 79. Eighty-two players participated.

Others of the sixteen entrants who outlified with low scores for the first division were Chisholm Beach, Fox Hills, Staten Island, with an 80; Dr. C. H. Gardner, Agawam, Providence, 82; Robert Hunter, Weeburn Stamford, Conn., and Parker W. Whittemor. vince a ball layer that he is person of importance," said the captain yeaterday, "and there's no holdin; him in last place. Show me the haberdashery of a team and I will come pretty close to telling you where it stands in the race."

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Three cheers for the gone already— Hurrah! For the next that jumps.

There's many an owner shaking-And many a dream that's sunk; Where the grand old game is breaking As they peddle the daily bunk; But stand to your rooting steady— Get set for the daily thumps— Three cheers for the gone already Hurrah for the next that jumps.

Where is there the element of a trust as long as any ball player in Organized Baseball, not under signed contract, is entitled to take a running jump into the midst of the Feds and leave the old leagues flat upon their broad, blistered backs?

Also, where is there the element of a trust when an outside organization, such as the Feds, can step in and within one year raid the old leagues of enough talent to establish what the Feds claim is a third major grips, a steamer trunk and a fine case

The One Main Point.

The point is exactly this. Before the Feds arrived Organized Baseball, maintaining the reserve clause, was undoubtedly a trust—and a trust of the most iron bound sort. But with the coming of the Feds the reserve

to keep from sneezing his head off the most iron bound sort. But with the coming of the Feds the reserve clause was shattered and any ball player in the land who had not, with his eyes open, signed a straight contract was entitled to jump blithely and buoyantly from San Francisco to Brooklyn, Long Island.

The Feds themselves maintain the trust aspects of baseball, save in the stand taken by the National and American that no man who leaves the old circuits can be taken back in to pursue his profession.

But for all of that it is well enough to have all kinks ironed out and the exact status of the entire proposition fixed. Anything to choke off the outpouring of bunk which has been coming from all sources connected with the sport.

By Way of Correction.

By Way of Correct Lee Mages manager of the Tip Tops, announced yesterday that he would play an infield position with the team next season. "The infield furnishes more action than the outfield, and I think that I can get more out of my men there," said Lee. "Typ played in around the diamond, and I am just as much at home in the infield as further away from the plate."

If it could be arranged a state of the manager of the Tip Tops, and R. C. Shannon, 2d, Oak Hills, Rochester, 88.

Sour divisions will continue on match play rounds through Saturday.

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the English language.

Som Regiment Callies
The athletes of Company L carried
off the team trophy at the intercompany athletic games which were held
by the 69th Regiment A. A. in its
armory last night. Company L corralled 21 points. Company M was sectween Charles H. Ebbets and a native
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We should probably add, to maintain the eternal verities of the
occasion, that when Mr. Lardner first entered the aforesaid trap it was
only three feet deep. But it was 12 feet deep when we left him, and if
Ring had continued the same deadly assault for three more days some
Chinaman would have had an ankle knocked off by a full swing coming
through the other side of the earth's shattered crust.

We are still mildly curious to know, not if Ring got the ball out, but
how he himself ever emerged from that yawning abyss, that grotto rife
and reeking with dirt, dust, flying rock and weird, uncanny lamentations.
We'll give him credit for this much at least. Unless his caddy went for
an alpenstock, he broke the world's high jump record that Juvy afternoon.

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Donovan and Chance.

A number of pessimists have figured it out that as Frank Chance couldn't lift the Yanks out of their massive rut Bill Donovan will be even more helpless at the task.

This doesn't follow in any way. Some aspects of the Chance failure are by no means secret. The old Cub P. L. was one of the greatest leadare by no means secret. The old Cub F. L. was one of the greatest leaders ever known—but he was in no sense a team builder. He knew how to handle men—but not how to find them or to teach those in the raw. Chance followed baseball closely from March until October. At the season's end he was glad to pass up the game and forget it until next spring. Stallings, McGraw and Mack are almost as busy in the winter as in the summer in a number of ways.

Here's an example. If you spoke to McGraw or Stallings about a certain minor leaguer it was almost a certainty that either would be able to tell you at once all about him—just what his main faults were and why he would or wouldn't do. Each would have his record at the tip of the tongue, for both have made the study of minor leaguers one of the

main features of their work.

If you mentioned the same minor leaguer to Chance the P. L. would be interested, but the odds are that he would have known nothing about

WE ARE THE LARGEST BOTTLERS OF OLD-FASHIONED HAND-MADE SOUR MASH STRAIGHT FURE RYE WHISKEY IN THE WORLD financial year for baseball. The Trojan cleaned up \$41,000 before it was over. If this was a bad financial year he will only need one good one to be able to retire and give battle with J. D. Ecckefeller on a 50-50 basis.

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BILLY GIBSON HERE WITH HAY FEVER

Boxing Promoter Hopes to Stop Sneezes and Land Some Matches.

Billy Gibson returned to this country grips, a steamer trunk and a line case of hay fever. He had no trouble with the grips, the trunk or the custom officials, but the hay fever—well, Billy believes that he will take a trip to Lake Superior to see if the cold air of the inland seas will aid him in his struggle to keep from sneezing his head off. Billy completed arrangements for the second complete the second company of the second company in the second

Paddy Donnelly, manager of the Olympic Athletic Club, complained yesterday to the State Athletic Commission against Paddy O'Hearn, the lightweight boxer of California, who refused to box at the Olympic club on New Year's afternoon. O'Hearn was matched to box Harry Gattle on that day, but when he arrived at the club was dissatisfied with the size of the crowd, and walked out without even saying goodby. He was suspended indefinitely.

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Kid Herman also had a tale of woe to tell. He boxed at the Long Acre Athletic Club, he said, and, although he sold \$30 worth of tickets, declared that the club refused to pay him so much as a nickel. The managers of the club were ordered to appear and answer two charges—first, for breaking the rule which prohibits boys from selling tickets, and, second, for refusing to pay a boxer according to agreement.

Word was received from Milwaukes last night that the Wisconsin Boxing Commission had reseinded a ruling made recently prohibiting bouts in which a negro boxer was a principal. Negroes may engage in bouts among themselves, but no "mixed bouts" may be held. This action was taken after a conference with the Attorney General of the state.

"Battling" Levinsky and Jack Dris-cell will box ten rounds at the Federal Athletic Club to-night.

Moon Wins Play-Off for Class C Honors

In the play-off of the tie for seconiplace in the national amateur Class C 18.2 baikline billiard tournament, at Doyle's 42d Street Academy last night. George Moon defeated C. T. Mathews, of Brooklyn, by a score of 200 points to 197, in the fiftieth inning.

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The X. L. N. C. Wins Two

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the Isabel's skipper couldn't hold her to the ice. The X L N C had an easy victory over ex-Commodore Gibbon's Ingenue.

The Terhune yacht sailed the fifteen-mile course in 34:30, twenty-nine seconds ahead of the Ingenue, with the Princeton third, a minute and thirteen seconds away.

IRISH-AMERICANS WIN ON THE IO

By BRIGGS.

Defeat Hockey Club Seven by Score of 5 to 2 in First League Game.

TEAM WORK POOR AND PLAY ROUGH

McGrath First Player to Stin Britton and Paton Shine

city opened last night at the St. Mr. olas Rink, when the Irish-America A. C. and the Hockey Club of No. York faced each other on the ice a game that was replete with the and laughs. The Irish American wo won by a score of 5 goals to 2. A crowd of about 1,500 perions n

on hand when the referee's wholey, and there was not a dull ment thereafter until the gong en the game sounded.

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In the second period the Hed Club seven made up their mind;

goal-shooting eyes were and Kelly, the goal Winged Fist team, had warding off the attacks.

rough work "in the clinches." So fiercely did the opposing more than once to escape a f

tre on the Irish-American s showed more understanding of game than all the other men. charges down the rink were impe and hard to stop, and his team we have added to their goal total it teammates had assisted him produced. The line-up follows:

Princeton third, a minute and thirden seconds away.

Three yachts sailed for the Gibbon cup of the South Shrewsbury Ice Boat and Yacht Club over the shallow point course. The wind was light and the yachts were sent away with Captain Johnson's Princeton in the lead, the X L N C second, and the Hazel L third.

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